GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1200
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HIGHER RATES IN KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been decrease in the prices of Metal Board used in the manufacture of steel almirahs by 15-25 per cent during the last two years but the Kendriya Bhandar approved higher prices;

(b) whether any tender was invited for steel almirahs and instead of purchasing them from the lowest bidder, the almirahs have been purchased from other bidders at higher rates;

(c) if so, the details thereof with justifying reasons; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against the delinquent employees and to recover the loss so suffered in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): No such decrease in prices has come to the notice of Kendriya Bhandar.

(b) & (c): An advertisement was published for identifying new sources of supply of steel furniture and the suppliers were classified into four categories depending upon their turnover, quality of product, demand for their product and availability of necessary infrastructure with them etc. Prices offered by them were fixed accordingly and not on the basis of lowest bid.

(d): Does not arise.